



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1st May 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What glorious weather we've had this week! Fingers crossed it continues for the Bank Holiday weekend.

Many of you will have seen me on the gate yesterday with our new Executive Headteacher, Mrs Beth Hacking. I'd like to thank you all for warmly welcoming Beth to Hartford Primary. We had an extremely positive and productive day yesterday and Beth spent time meeting staff and the children. I'm really looking forward to working in partnership with her to ensure Hartford goes from strength to strength.

The children and yourselves may have also noticed another new face around school, Mrs Ravensroft joined the office team on Tuesday last week and is already proving herself to be a real asset. For parents she may well be your first port of call either on the phone, via email or in person at the office window. I know you will all make her feel very welcome whilst she's settling in.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 4th May – May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 5th May – School Reopens
Friday 15th May – Year 5 Church Visit
Monday 18th May – Year 3 Church Visit
Tuesday 19th May – Year 6 Church Visit
Monday 18th May – EYKR Come and Play 2pm
Tuesday 19th May – EYEH Come and Play 2pm
Wednesday 20th May – Year 4 Church Visit
Thursday 21st May – Break Up For Half Term
Friday 22nd May – Inset Day – School Closed
Monday 1st June – Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 2nd June – School Reopens For Summer 2
Monday 8th June – Year 5 Bikeability Sessions Start – Details To Follow In Due Course
Monday 8th June – Wednesday 10th June – Year 6 Conway Residential
Friday 12th June – Year 6 Buddhist Centre Visit

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 24th April was 96.84%. We've had 35 children recorded as late this week, which is an improvement on last week. Thank you for your support with your child's attendance and punctuality. Mrs Hodkinson (our Attendance Officer) and I met with our Educational Welfare Officer this week for our annual register inspection, and I'm pleased to report that she was complimentary about the measures we have in place to support and promote regular attendance and punctuality. These two really do go hand in hand to form the foundation blocks for success at school.

A Message From Mr Cairns And Year 6

I'm delighted to report that there's been a dramatic reduction in the number of journeys to school by car this week and the children have smashed their target of <50%. After collecting the data from each class our Year 6 children have established that 43% of journeys to school were made by car this week, meaning that 57% of journeys were either on foot, bicycle or scooter. The winning classes were EYKR and 6LW and they've earned some extra playtime. Well done everyone for taking part in the challenge, I'm sure the sunshine may have helped!

Parents' Evenings – Monday 27th - Thursday 30th April

Thank you to everyone who has attended Parents' Evening appointments this week, I hope you found your meeting/s with your child's teacher useful and informative.

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PTA News

Fundraising amounts!!

Last term, it was great to tell the year 6 team that they'd made an amazing £383 profit at their cake sale, and this was match funded by one of our year 6 Dad helpers, so the amount was doubled - amazing achievement! Well done everyone!

Last week, Year 5 held not one but two ice cream sales in this warm weather. We're pleased to announce that we made over £470 profit which is going towards their music lessons – well done and enjoy!!

We are busy planning a few more events for the end of the school year - more to follow, but the next ones are our Silent Discos on 13th and 14th May. Tickets can be purchased via your ParentPay account. Please see the comms from the school sent on Monday for more details. We are as always looking for any parent help at any of these so do let us know if you can!

Preloved Uniform

A reminder that we run a preloved uniform shop to help raise funds for the PTA. Please contact school using this email address preloveduniform@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk and let us know your requirements and your child's name and class.

Due to an influx of donations (thank you!) For the time being we will only be accepting donations of the following:

- Zip tops, hoodies and t-shirts in all sizes.
- Any items aged 9 +

Have a lovely long weekend, see you all on Tuesday.

Warm regards

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Mrs L Cade
Acting Headteacher



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Please find below a list of community events and support sessions we have been made aware of that our families are welcome to access

Hartford Parish Council News/Events

Events and activities for young people in Hartford

Drama, football, art, dance, scouts, tennis, cricket, hockey, netball, singing, craft.... In Hartford there are lots of clubs and classes on offer for children and teenagers. On the Hartford Parish Council website, you can see a summary of [community clubs and societies](#) for young people, as well as clubs for adults.

If you know of any other clubs or classes we can add to this list, please contact clerks@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk.

Looking for a fun event? We have three coming up: Let's Play (10 May), Craft for Kids (27 May) and Art club for 10 - 16 year olds (selected Tuesdays). See [Events](#) for more information.

Art club for 10 to 16 year olds

Get creative and make new friends at this art club for 10 to 16 year olds. It takes place on selected Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm, at Hartford Village Hall on Chester Road.

Places are limited so book your place now: contact Linda on 07813 662654. The cost is £3 per session, with free refreshments. Concessions are available – contact us to discuss. All proceeds go to NSPCC. Hartford NSPCC event supported by Hartford Parish Council.

First Aid Awareness Event - Saturday 13th June 2026

Join this basic first aid awareness course for free on 13 June from 11.15am - 1.15pm Taking place at Hartford Village Hall on Chester Road, the course will be hosted by Hartford Parish Council and delivered by the British Red Cross.

To book your place, please contact asst.clerk@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk or call 01606 784401.

CWAC Parent Carer Forum Newsletter

Catch up on upcoming events, SEND reform consultation news, practical resources, coffee events, webinars and support for families. Lots of opportunities to stay informed, get involved and have your voice heard: [Your April Parent Carer Forum News is Here!](#)

Fun Fest Holiday Club May Half Term

- Fun Fest Hartford Manor - Hartford Manor Primary School CW8 1NU - OPEN 26th MAY - 2nd JUNE
- Fun Fest Great Budworth - Cransley School CW9 6HN - OPEN 26th - 29th MAY

We are also excited to share that Fun Fest Rudheath will be opening at Rudheath Primary Academy on 27th July! Summer holiday bookings for all clubs open on 3rd June.

Our clubs welcome children aged 3–12 from all schools and are open 7:30am–6:00pm, offering full-day care packed with exciting activities, themed sessions, and plenty of opportunities for children to have fun and make new friends.